

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015:**

The Parish Council met in the Village Hall at 7pm. There was an attendance of 5 Parish Councillors and 1 Parishoner.

Apologies for absence: The Chairman Mr S. Wright, Mrs G. Rossetti and Mrs J. Stevens.

Vice Chairman Mrs M. Kitt in the Chair.

Open Forum: There were no topics for discussion.

County Councillors Report: Given at last weeks meeting.

District Councillors Report: The Chairman was absent tonight but gave a report at last weeks meeting.

Declarations of interest: Mrs L. Gritton declared an interest on item 7a Playing Field Update as she is a Governor at the school.

Approve the Minutes of the last Meeting in February: The Minutes of the Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2015 were confirmed and signed, copies thereof having been given to the Councillors prior to the meeting.

Matters Arising:

a. Playing Field Update: Despite Mr P. Medway assuring us last Thursday we would receive on Friday the details regarding the scale etc. nothing was received. The Chairman and the Vice Chairman followed up the fence concerns and a subsequent email was sent to Mr P. Medway. We should perhaps get quotes for a new fence as is being discussed. Mrs L. Gritton said the school didnt want to get caught up in planning permission and wanted to get on with the new work asap as it will soon be summer and that is when the school obviously undertakes most of its outdoor sports. She also defended Mr Medway by saying that he has been extremely busy with three school audits and an Offstead visit to contend with. There is to be a meeting at the school next week that the Parish Councillors are welcome to attend with Mr P. Medway and Mr P. Carpenter.

b. Parish Work Party Day: Unfortunately the turn out for the last planned day was very disappointing so a new date has been set for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

c. Village Hall Lease Update: The Chairman took all the information to the Solicitors and we will wait to hear from them.

d. Water from Vicarage/Townsend Road: This finally seems to be sorted.

Chairmans Report: There was nothing to report.

Representatives Verbal Reports: Mr R. Ladkin reported that the P3 survey has been submitted and the finance form too. The ladder stile at Easton is being replaced and the first of two gates is going up next week. He is just awaiting Mr D. Horton to put up a post for a way mark at Woodhouse. He also reported that the WAWP had an update on the Butts Site. The Rogers' had had a positive site visit with Richard Jackson from Highways and it looks as if they will be moving ahead with a pre-application. There seems to be some issue over the ownership of part of the raised pavement at the top of the Village near the site, further investigations are to take place. It seems that the entrance to the site will be from Vicarage Lane and then turn in virtually opposite the entrance to Elmfield. Further updates will be available as and when anything happens.

Planning Applications for consideration/Decisions/Updates: The Chairman sent through an email saying that he was aware of a possible breach in Townsend Road and also at Park House which seems works are being undertaken along the estuary bank. It was agreed that the Parish Council would object to the Preston View Farm application at the Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> Feburary.

The Parish Councillors present this evening voted in favour to agreed to the planning application at Linham Barn, West Alvington for Mr & Mrs Hackley.

The Chairman also said that he was disappointed at the Homefield decision, he stated that he had declared a personal interest and had been advised by the monitoring officer not to vote. He opposed the application by sighting the enormous amount of hard work that had gone into efforts to provide housing for the local need and while in principle he supported a development on the Home field site he felt the proposal fell short in fulfilling the aspirations of the Parish.

Correspondence: All relevant emails had been forwarded to the Councillors. The nomination forms for election have been received and those present received theirs this evening.

A.O.B: Mr R. Ladkin reported that the caravan at Linham has now been removed.

Mrs A. Smith asked who had objected to the new sign that the school had placed on the fence next to the Village Hall? It was said that the Chairman was not too happy about it and that it gave the wrong impression, that the playing field belonged to the school and not the Parish and that he wanted it removed. Mrs Smith felt that we should be supporting the school and not going against them and would like this discussed further. All Councillors present could not see a problem with the new sign.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.37pm. The date of the next meeting being confirmed as Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm. This will also be the date of the Annual Parish Meeting.

Signed..... Dated.....